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**To:** Opalski, Dan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=8b5ed6410d934bf699a008a252791a55-Opalski, Dan]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Call with Warm Springs & FW PRESS RELEASE: Tribal Council Approves Emergency Disaster Declaration

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**From:** "Chung, Angela" <[Chung.Angela@epa.gov](mailto:Chung.Angela@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** May 31, 2019 at 9:37:55 PM PDT  
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Hi Kris,

Thank you for the update. Unfortunately, I didn't see this before I left today so wasn't able to discuss this with Joe - specifically, having someone potentially available by phone this weekend to answer questions. In our earlier discussion, I'd only thought about the request for us to send someone into the field. We should be covered since IHS will be involved in the Sunday meeting and we would generally rely on their technical field presence in these situations. But feel free to contact me this weekend if a question for us arises and I'll try to track down assistance. I will check my emails a few times this weekend. Thanks.

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On May 31, 2019, at 4:16 PM, Carre, Kristine <[Carre.Kristine@epa.gov](mailto:Carre.Kristine@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hello all-

I just spoke with Bruce Irwin, Development Director with the Warm Springs Tribe. He had some good news. The tribe is able to request another \$450K from HUD's Imminent Threat Grant program. HUD told Bruce the tribe can submit a request for a Letter to Proceed, which would enable the tribe to begin repair work/restoration almost immediately, and they would be able to submit the grant proposal AFTER receiving the Letter to Proceed. Bruce is drafting the letter, and it will be signed/sent on Monday.

Bruce also said there's an emergency meeting at Warm Springs at 10 AM on Sunday with engineers from IHS and BIA, possibly HUD too, to discuss repair work/ how to proceed.

I shared information with Bruce about the Salem drinking water truck as a resource, if needed.

I also shared information with Bruce about FEMA funding as another option (along with the requirements for good record-keeping & no upfront funds). Bruce was already familiar with FEMA funds.

If the tribe has any technical questions for EPA over the weekend, is there anyone they could speak with?

Thanks so much,

Kris

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**From:** Wilson, Wenona

**Sent:** Friday, May 31, 2019 3:06 PM

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From Calvin - Unfortunately, a water main break is not considered a pollutant, contaminant, or CERCLA hazardous substance and so there are no funds available to fix broken infrastructure. I would hope that the Indian Health Service would have some emergency funds to deal with such matters.

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Tribal Council Approves Emergency Disaster Declaration**

*Water main link break in the Shitike Creek to result in extended water outage in most of the Warm Springs Agency Area*

Warm Springs, Ore. – May 31, 2019 – The Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs approved an emergency disaster declaration due to immediate health threats resulting from a 14” water main line break in the Shitike Creek. Tribal staff, state and Federal partners are working to determine next steps to repair the main line crossing which will take up to a week or longer and will result in a loss of water to most of the Warm Springs Agency area. The declaration provides an option to the Tribe to apply for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster funds to help with the repair and impacts to the community and local businesses.

The Tribe issued a boil water notice on Thursday, May 30th, due to a loss of pressure in the distribution system. This is the fourth boil water notice in the last six months due to low pressure issues. It has been determined that the main line break is located in the Shitike Creek beyond the location where three previous repairs have been completed. Failing pressure reducing valves in the distribution system are also compounding the issues at the Shitike Creek crossing.

All businesses and residences south of Highway 26 will experience total water outages which are anticipated to start early next week. The loss of water will have a direct impact on the Warm Springs K-8 Academy, Indian Health Service Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center, Early Childhood Education Center, High Lookee Lodge, Senior Center, Warm Springs Detention Facility, Boys & Girls Club, Museum at Warm Springs, Indian Head Casino, Warm Springs Composites, tribal buildings, local businesses and residences.

The boil water notice will remain in effect until further notice for the entirety of the Warm Springs Agency area including Kah-nee-ta, Wolfe Point, Sunnyside, Upper Dry Creek, Miller Heights, Campus Area, West Hills, Tenino Valley, Tenino Apartments, Elliott Heights, Senior Housing, Trailer Courts, and Greeley Heights.

The Tribe has implemented their Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) to coordinate repair and services to the community. Additional information will be provided via KWSO 91.9 FM, Facebook ([www.facebook.com/CTWSO/](http://www.facebook.com/CTWSO/)), and the Tribes emergency text message system regarding water distribution sites and anticipated timelines for repairs and water outages.

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